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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Mumford

Application No.: 09/436,741

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Title: Safetytip (Hinged sheath guard device for sharps)

Attorney Docket No.: 01-024-MM

Group Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: Ann Y. Lam

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of January 22, 2002, having a response due by April, 22, 2002. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

In the Claims

Applicant cancels claims 1,2,5-20.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 3,4,20-28 are pending in the application, and that claims 1-21 are rejected. By this amendment, claims 1-8 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 9-21 are pending in the application. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.